

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, 50 years ago the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 294, sponsored by Senator J.D. "Jiggs" Buckman, Jr. and Senator Wendell H. Ford and signed into law on March 23, 1966, by Governor Edward T. Breathitt, creating the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA); and

WHEREAS, KHEAA benefits all Kentuckians through expanding educational opportunities and providing financial aid and informational resources that enable Kentuckians to obtain their higher education goals; and

WHEREAS, KHEAA provides students, families, adult learners, and military members and their dependents with information to plan, prepare, and pay for higher education through online services and publications used for career exploration, college preparation, and navigation through the financial aid process; and

WHEREAS, KHEAA offers numerous support services to students, families, and colleges and universities, including important information to help Kentucky students and parents learn about and apply for student financial aid and financial literacy workshops to teach students about money management and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, KHEAA provides school services that assist students and their families in the college financial aid process, including participation in the Close the Deal program, College Application Month, College Coaches, College Goal Kentucky, and the FAFSA Completion Initiative; and

WHEREAS, KHEAA administers all state student grants and scholarships, in addition to other financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, the College Access Program, the Kentucky Tuition Grant, the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship, the Coal County Scholarship Program for Pharmacy Students, the Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship, the Teacher Scholarship, the Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention Scholarship, the Early Childhood

Development Scholarship, the Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award, the KHEAA Work-Study Program, the Early Graduation Scholarship, the Drive the Dream Scholarship, the Go Higher Grant, and the Mary Jo Young Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2015, KHEAA disbursed nearly \$218.2 million in grant, scholarship, and work-study programs, including \$89.4 million in need-based grants and \$107.7 million in KEES awards; and

WHEREAS, KHEAA promotes college savings through administration of the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust, Kentucky's 529 college savings program;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and commends KHEAA for the invaluable service it provides to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Julian Carroll for delivery.